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(b) Does not arise.

Prices of shampoos and detergents by M/s. Geofrey Manners

890. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Geofrey Manners are at present charging exorbitant prices for their family use products like shampoo and detergents in the home market; and

(b) if so, what remedial steps Government propose to take to bring their products within the reach of average consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) M/s. Geofrey Manners are not manufacturing detergents. There is no statutory price control on Shampoo and there is also no monitoring of prices by the Government.

International oil prices

891. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that international oil prices have crashed to less than 10 dollar a barrel; and

(b) whether this fall in the prices of crude oil would benefit the economy of the country and if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) The spot prices of some grades of crude oil are reported to be priced at less than $10 a barrel.

(b) Imports effected by the country during January to March, 1986 are estimated to cost less by about Rs. 230 crores, relative to average cost for April to December, 1985.

Output of the Cement Corporation of India

892. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total output of the Cement Corporation of India during 1985-86; and

(b) the capacity utilisation by the various units of the Cement Corporation of India during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The total out put of Cement Corporation of India during 1985-86 was 19.72 lakh tonnes of Cement.

(b) The percentage of capacity utilisation of various units of Cement Corporation of India during the last three years was as follows:—

Unit	Capacity Utilisation		
	1983—84	1984—85	1985—86
MANDHAR	98.54	95.30	94.74
KURKUNTA	93.33	91.55	78.79
BOKAJAN	84.00	88.71	86.52
RAJBAN	93.90	94.10	83.00
AKTTARA	75.54	69.87	66.04
NA YAGAN	80.05	81.04	63.80
YERRAGUNTA	77.90	68.69	62.54
CHARKHI DADRI	111.73	104 75	77.77
ADILABAD	–	58 09	58.98